GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF FUNDS BY STATE GOVERNMENTS TO LOCAL BODIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any complaints that the State Governments are creating hurdles in releasing the funds to the local bodies;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to directly allocate the funds to local bodies to tackle the situation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)to(d): As per Entry 5 of the List II - State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, `Local Government, that is to say, the Constitution and powers of municipal corporations, improvement trusts, district boards, mining settlement authorities and other local authorities for the purpose of local self-government or village administration` is a State subject. In view of this, there is no proposal to allocate the funds to the local bodies directly for the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.